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SUBJECT: OBJECTIVES OF IOTG DEPLOYMENT IN JULY-AUGUST 1978

REF: CINCPAC 100445Z MAY 78

1. REFERENCE MESSAGE IS CINCPAC'S ROUTINE CLASSIFIED INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT PLAN FOR FOURTH QUARTER INVOLVING OPERATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BY AN NPTG LED BY THE CARRIER ENTERPRISE AND INCLUDING CURISERS LONG BEACH AND TRUXTON. AMONG OBJECTIVES LISTED, OF COURSE, IS TO "PROJECT U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL OBJECTIVES."

2. I FULL WELL RECOGNIZE THAT THIS DEPLOYMENT HAS SOME NEW WRINKLES, INCLUDING EXERCISING IN EASTERN I.O. WITH SINGAPORE AND SUTRALIAN FORCES AND A LOGISTICS LIFT FROM DIEGO GARCIA. I RECOGNIZE ALSO A THE CONTINUING SENSITIVITY IN SOME PARTS OF SOUTH ASIA TO I.O. DEPLOYMENTS BY ENTERPRISE, GIVEN PAST HISTORY.

3. NONETHELESS, I THINK WE ARE MISSING A RELATIVELY PAINLESS AND TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO REASSURE A NOW-JITTERY PAKISTAN BY NOT SCHEDULING A KARACHI PORT VISIT FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THE NPW'S DURING THE NPTG'S PLANNED NINE DAYS OF STEAMING

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IN THE ARABIAN SEA. DEPLOYMENT PLANS, I KNOW, ARE MADE FAR IN ADVANCE AND INVOLVE A LOT OF CAREFUL PLANNING ON ALL SIDES; BUT I THINK WE SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH SO AS TO MAKE THE TG'S ACTIVITIES MORE IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE, "IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL OBJECTIVES," TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND NEEDS IN THE REGION. I AM CONFIDENT, IN ANY EVENT, THAT THE GOP WOULD NOTE, UNEASILY, THE FAILURE OF ANY IOTG

UNITS TO CALL AT KARACHI THIS TIME ONCE THE DEPLOYMENT
BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT RAISE WITH OSD/JCS
AND NSC THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AT LEAST ONE OF THE NPTG
UNITS VISIT KARACHI DURING THE PLANNED FOURTH QUARTER
DEPLOYMENT AS A POLITICAL GESTURE OF OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT
TO PAKISTAN. HUMMEL

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